



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Fallon *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No.: 09/116,502 Examiner: C. Fronda  
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For: Transformed Yeast Strains and Their Use for the Production of Monoterminal and Diterminal Aliphatic Carboxylates

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed March 30, 2000. Applicants request respectfully reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections in light of the following amendment and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a Petition for an Extension of Time of one (1) month, to extend the time to reply to the outstanding Final Office Action up to and including Monday, July 31, 2000 and a Petition to Withdraw Finality.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 36, please amend the phrase "(or NADPH)" to "(or NADH)".

Page 9, line 1, please delete the word "of" from the phrase "the fusion of for".

Page 12, line 11, please amend the abbreviation "NADPH" to "NADH".

Page 14, lines 33, please amend the abbreviation "NADPH" to "NADH".

Page 23, line 7, please amend the abbreviation "NADPH/NADPH" to "NADPH/NADH".

Page 23, line 8, please amend the abbreviation "NADPH" to "NADH".